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### Humming Birds of Miller Creek

PHOTO AND STORY BY STEPHEN BENZON

The photographs were taken just off Miller Creek within The Cove. There were two different nests one that paralleled the creek and the other at the West end of the boardwalk.

These photographs are taken just off the boardwalk, hidden within some young Cedars. If you didn't know where to look, you could walk right by and never notice them. The mother Humming Bird was usually on the nest or within the branches close by. Crows and Steller's jay were always waiting for their chance to raid the nest. We were watching the nests for about three weeks; the first time we were able to see the babies you could not even see their beaks from the webs and twinning's. After the second week their beaks began to show more detail and their feathers looked more like soft black down with bright yellow quills beginning to cover them. At the end of the second week the babies began to sit up within the nest and flutter their wings. It was the third week that I saw one of them flutter up and down and stand of the edge of the nest, it was early morning these photos were taken and it's the last time we saw them.

The nest was abandoned the next day and within a week a new mother was sitting on a new clutch of eggs. It was not to be for the new mother, she didn't tend to her eggs and within days the eggs were raided by scavenger birds. We kept hoping that a new mother would show up but the branch supporting the nest was cut from the tree and the nest was gone.

It was a bit shocking that someone would remove the nest, however I talked to one of my colleagues that's a biologist for the UW. He said not to worry much about it, a mother Hummer could build one in a day or two, hopefully hiding it off the path a bit for the next clutch and new life to come this Spring.



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## Were you aware that you are a change maker?

All the little things you do have a significant impact on those around you and the community at large. Be it planting a tree, opening a business, visiting the local senior living center, or picking up roadside trash; there are endless possibilities for you to make a positive difference. Our actions and words carry considerable weight and should be used sensibly to encourage optimism and cultivate a caring and considerate environment. The tone of the people becomes our voice to the rest of the region, county, and state. A vision of stability and sustainability will guide us into the next generation of thoughtful leadership and stewardship.

I wanted to share some exciting news; if you were not already aware, the city has begun the process of working with an architectural firm to start designing the future Civic Center of Normandy Park. There is lots of excitement around this project, and there are lots of questions. Rest assured, the city and the architectural firm will be highly engaged to work with the community, residents, and city staff to make sure the design results reflect who we are. The funding for this project will not impact our ability to maintain a

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*The greatness of a community is most accurately measured  
by the compassionate actions of its members.*

—Coretta Scott King

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healthy general fund and stick to a budget. For questions regarding the financing of the Civic Center, please contact the City Manager, who will be able to increase your knowledge of the project costs and timelines in-depth.

For those reading this article, I want to remind you that there are many ways you can support the city. Volunteerism is essential to developing a healthy municipality, especially when we are a city of fewer than 7000 people. I believe the small city factor plays in our favor. We know more about the people around us, our police department, city staff, council, commissioners, committee members, etc. It is because of our size that we can rely so much on community support to beautify our parks, clean up streams, rebuild stairways, and research salmon habitats. By giving a small portion of your time each month, you preserve and move the city forward at a more satisfying pace. Participate in the greater good, and Normandy Park will become the home you expect.



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## MONTHLY MEETING CALENDAR

### Arts Commission

1st Tuesday, 7pm

### Economic Development Committee

2nd Wednesday, 7pm

### Council Meeting

2nd Tuesday, 7pm

### Metropolitan Parks District

2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm (if necessary)

### Civil Service

3rd Tuesday, Noon (if necessary)

### Park Commission

3rd Wednesday, 7pm

### Planning Commission

3rd Thursday, 7pm

### Council Study Session

4th Tuesday, 7pm (if necessary)

# Council Corner

## A Little Light on a Dark December Night

**A** new tradition has begun at Winterfest, our city's 7<sup>th</sup> annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, just held in December at Normandy Park Towne Center. As the event matures a bit of Germany was brought to the celebration. A European tradition is now a part of Winterfest with the introduction of the glühwein boots (see photo).

The ceramic German boots were imported from a factory in Germany and were designed with Normandy Park in mind by the factory's artists. Generous



residents and businesses from our community paid the expenses. Every year, as Europeans do, the boots will have a different design and color that represents what we love about Normandy Park. Do you have any suggestions or ideas for scenery to put on the boots next year and the following years? Email or call me! Did you know Normandy Park is one of only a handful of cities in the United States that offers these boots to their communities?

**Why Winterfest and the Tree Lighting Ceremony?** This event brings the spirit of Christmas and community together by gathering local talent, our businesses, residents, community service groups, and artists to watch the tree lighting and snowfall, regardless of the weather. This year hundreds of free toys, Santa hats, antlers, elf hats, mittens and candy canes were given to festival-goers! Our goal is to improve and expand Winterfest every year and make it an even more special experience for YOU. Our next vision is to bring the European Christmas Market huts to Normandy Park, similar to the photos you see in this article (see photo).

**Why are we doing this?** Because once you experience the Christmas spirit at a European Christmas Market, you want to share it with everyone. For just two hours each December, we hope people will take a moment to gather with friends, family and neighbors at Winterfest. We hope they will forget their troubles or challenges and be happy together. And we hope they embrace the spirit of giving and think of others.

Organizing and operating Winterfest requires months of preparation, thousands of dollars in sponsorship and donations, and countless hours donated by dozens of residents, businesses, and non-profits from Normandy Park and other cities and communities. It truly is a community effort that is worth every moment and penny. The Tree Lighting Ceremony was started in 2013 by our Economic Development Committee, and many of the original volunteers still actively organize and manage this special event for you.





# Winterfest Celebration Normandy Park 2019



A favorite holiday movie of mine includes the quote, "But for now, let me say – without hope or agenda – just because it's Christmas – and at Christmas, you tell the truth..." I will finish that sentence by saying, "To me, Normandy Park is a beautiful community with wonderful people. As a Council Member, I wish for

2020 a year of *light* for our residents and businesses in anything that affects their livelihood, properties and happiness, and that we *listen* to each other, be *selfless* and *kind* to one another. I will see you in 2020!

—SUSAN WEST, CITY COUNCILMEMBER



# Setting Priorities for 2020

The new council was asked to answer the following question:

What do you think citizens are most concerned about that you would like to address in the upcoming year?



**Susan West** Citizens tell me they are most concerned about Council's ability to work together. They do not mean voting the same, but rather demonstrating civility at Council meetings, on Nextdoor, on Facebook and at other community locations. Residents are concerned about honesty, transparency and accountability. Without all of these, it is difficult for people to work together and accomplish great things that help our city. They ask Council members to respect peers and volunteers, including encouraging those who contribute spirit and energy to city projects, programs and events. As we begin an engaged new year, let's all remember 2020 starts best with kindness and care for others.

**Mike Bishoff** While Normandy Park can sustain itself at basic levels for several years, we remain in an ongoing financial decline. The existence of our city must include enduring new sources of income aside from continuously asking our citizens to cough up more tax money. The city has neglected economic development for years and citizens have made it clear that they want and strongly support strategic investments in economic policy and reduced barriers to business, all while keeping our city the park-like setting we love. Without these investments, the city services we have today will continue to decline further past their already shoestring budgets. Aside from the importance of public safety, I believe the citizens of Normandy Park will demand that we think carefully about multimillion-dollar capital costs like a new recreation center and make economic development our number one priority in 2020 and beyond – for the sake of our city's survival.



**Patrick McDonald** From an economic development standpoint, I believe residents want to see more visibility into issues and progress of what's going on with the EDC. It's our goal this year to be more strategic and hit multiple avenues to get and provide public input into economic matters. A better website, better presence on Nextdoor, and more notice to when Economic Development Committee meetings are happening are just a few initiatives you will see more of in 2020. We hope providing more visibility will help citizens understand the Why behind the What, and what we are trying to accomplish.





**Earnest Thompson** I think citizens want officials who listen, really listen to what they are saying and to what their deeper concerns are. We can agree or respectfully disagree but sincerely communicate we must. I'm hopeful that we can take these different issues like airport pollution, growth management, taxes and fiscal responsibility and discuss them freely without putting people with different opinions into a blue/red or black/white box. The issues are often more complicated, purples and grays. It's too easy to go down that news bite road. Let's take our conversation and analysis one or two steps deeper and then reach a decision. Let's schedule a cup of coffee to discuss and listen. Above all, listen...

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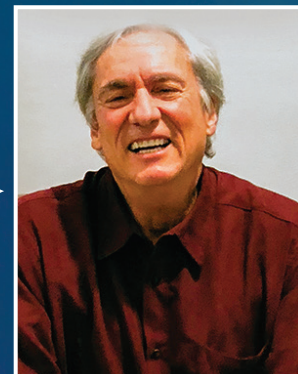
**Michelle Sipes-Marvin** Happy New Year! I believe one of the biggest concerns our citizens have is incoming revenue while decreasing our tax burden. The council is dedicated to continually developing economic development. We are working on passing the Economic Development Element of the Comprehensive Plan and the Future Land Use Map with the goal of attracting profitable, sustainable and meaningful business to First Avenue. With increased revenues, we can continue to build our city's savings, while moving towards one day, no longer needing the Levy Lid Lift for necessary city funding, which includes funding for our Police Officers.

I look forward to a very productive 2020 and I hope to see many new faces at the EDC meetings.



**Sue-Ann Hohimer** This year, we begin a new decade. This is an excellent time to focus on 1) improving our communication, 2) enhancing community relations, and 3) on reviewing our Municipal Codes, all to set a firm foundation for navigating whatever comes our way in the next 10 years. When we know who we are, value and respect one another and clearly establish expectations as to how we plan to live in community together, we are better prepared to handle challenges or opportunities that come our way. I will collaboratively address these areas of community concern this year with innovation, creativity and practicality.

**Shawn McEvoy** I believe Normandy Park residents value a safe, secure city. We have an excellent police force, but the police department is still one officer understaffed. The levy lid lift failure four years ago cut our police force in half, and despite first-rate recruitment, our police department is just now about to fully recover. ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY is our city's biggest and most significant challenge. If we cannot resolve this problem, then you will be asked, again, to re-vote levy lid lift taxes upon yourselves to support a staff of ten officers rather than seven. It is of paramount importance to seek alternatives to avoid this extra tax and yet retain a force of 10 officers. A solution will be my focus.





# Civic Center Master Plan Process

## Outlined by Miller Hull Partnership, LLC, Architects

BY MARK E. HOPPEN, CITY MANAGER

**T**he master planning process for the new Civic Center is underway! **The first public meeting will be held Saturday, January 25, 1:00 p.m., in the Recreation Center Community Room.** The architectural project team is conducting research and site analysis on the selected City Hall Park site to understand the needs of Normandy Park citizens. Community input is an essential part of this process.

At the first public meeting, all participating community members will be invited to share community goals and priorities for the project. This event will utilize yellow comment tags that are available in this magazine (see below), will be

available at the Open House event, and subsequently available at city hall. In addition, your ideas can be shared using a link on the city website—the wall tag project will expand!

The project team will be on-hand at the Open House to hear from community members directly. The project team will collect all comments and use them to help guide the direction of the project at these early phases, working closely with a steering committee to develop masterplan alternatives and corresponding budget analysis for the new facility.

These alternatives will be presented at a City Council workshop in late Feb-

ruary, where the City Council will be asked to select a preferred alternative for the design team to further develop. The fully developed Preferred Alternative will be presented at a regular City Council meeting to be scheduled later.

Following the presentation of the preferred alternative at a regular City Council meeting, the project team will incorporate City Council and public feedback into a masterplan report that will be issued in June.

Miller Hull Partnership is looking forward to working with the community to design a great new, cost-effective facility that will strengthen Normandy Park and serve residents long into the future.

### PROJECT YELLOW TAG – Be a Part of the Process

**Fill in the yellow tag and send it in.** We will take it from there. Your thoughts and comments will be placed on the tag wall and later reviewed by the architectural firm and used as a tool to help guide the project direction.



**Please pick one, two, or answer all of the following questions, then cut out the yellow tag and send it to: Normandy Park City Hall, 801 SW 174th Street, Normandy Park, WA, 98166**

What are the most important aspects of the community of Normandy Park?

What important pieces of information would you like to communicate to the design team as they begin this process?

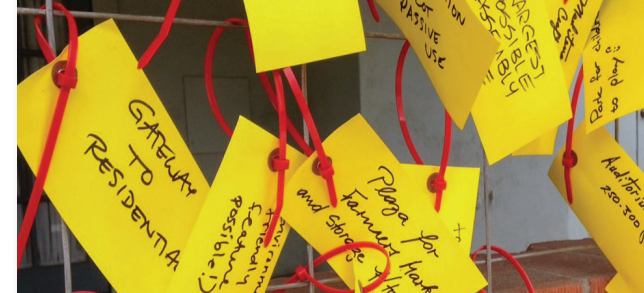
What sustainability goals do you have for the project?

What activities would you like to see at the new Civic Center?

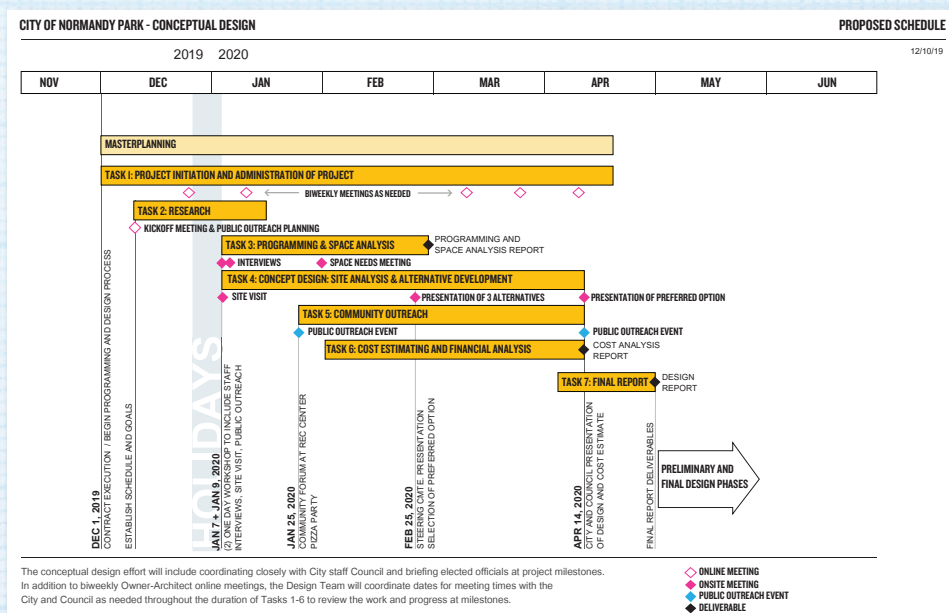
What is your favorite thing about living in Normandy Park?







The Steering Committee will consist of six or seven individuals, representing a diverse group of stakeholders, including staff, community members, and officials. Miller Hull finds that steering groups larger than six or seven participants tend to get bogged down. Staff members will be City Manager Mark Hoppen, Chief of Police Dan Yourkoski, and Parks Director Amanda Leon. Other steering committee members are yet to be determined.



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# Community Development: Looking Back and Moving Forward

BY HOLLY KEETON, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The past year provided its fair share of challenges for the Community Development Department and the community. There is new staff both at the permit counter and in the director's office. There are plenty of long-range planning items to address along with the day-to-day plan review and customer service aspects of the job. Change is difficult for everyone, and we all hope to work together for a common good.

In 2019, the city began taking on the process of reviewing and amending the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is the document that guides the long-range planning goals of any city planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA) and outlined within Chapter 36.70A of the Revised Code of Washington (RC). All cities within King County are required to plan under GMA. Cities must ensure that their Comprehensive Plan is compliant with the GMA requirements and that actions carried out are aligned with the overarching goals within the document. All jurisdictions within King County are required to complete a Periodic Review of all 13 elements within the Comprehensive Plan completed no later than June 30, 2023.

The goals for the review in 2019 were to complete the review and any proposed amendments to the Future Land Use Map and to add an Economic Development Element. The Economic Development Element is a required element under GMA. Jurisdictions that received funding from the state to complete the work for the additional element already incorporated the economic development element. Cities that did not receive funding were given additional time to complete the additional element. The latest date that cities within King County are to incorporate an Economic Development Element is aligned with the Periodic Review (June 30, 2023).

All items that were proposed amendments within the 2019 Comprehensive Plan Docket were moved to the 2020 Docket to allow for increased community outreach and engagement, as well as for the development of possible alternatives. In addition to the 2019 items, the 2020 Docket will also include the update of the Capital Facilities Element. Looking even farther ahead, the 2021 Docket will likely tackle the Land Use and Environmental Elements, to continue making progress towards the mandated June 30, 2023 deadline.

Many other tasks, aside from the Comprehensive Plan, were completed in 2019.

An attempt to conquer the on-going battle of the tree ordinance occurred, but to no avail. A subsequent revision will be brought back to Planning Commission

## 2019 Accomplishments:

- The Ordinance addressing gross floor area ratio (GFAR) was passed.
  - Under Ordinance 968 and Normandy Park Municipal Code (NPMC) 16.20.215 and 18.08.070, GFAR is defined as "Gross Floor Area Ratio (GFAR) means the sum of the floor area of all floors of the principal use building or buildings and all accessory buildings divided by the total area of the zoning lot." The work on this ordinance clarifies the meaning of a topic that was interpreted in differing ways for years and due to the multiple interpretations, led to inequity in the review process. Clarification of unclear portions of the municipal code allows for greater transparency and impartiality within the work city staff does and is crucial to an efficient and equitable review and permitting system.
- The Critical Areas Ordinance and Shoreline Master Plan, found within Title 16 and 18 NPMC, were updated and approved in the fall of 2019 to reflect the best available sciences in practice, as mandated by the state under RCW 36.70A.172.
  - The changes made, implement the least impactful to the previous regulations while maintaining compliance with state-level policies. Changes that were made include:
    - Clarity on types of exempt activities is provided
    - Additional transparency in criteria that trigger the requirement of a critical area report
    - Mitigation priorities were revised
    - Wetland rating system and associated buffers are updated.





in 2020. The topic will likely be addressed in the spring after the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Docket is closed. Staff will encourage a roundtable-type discussion to reach a compromise among the differing schools of thought.

The Comprehensive Plan will require a lot of coordination with the State, as well as engagement with the community, Planning Commission and City Council. Often the process of working through a docket can take many months, which we hope to work through with a series of community engagement events.

### Key Work Plan Items for 2020:

- Comprehensive Plan
- Updated sign code
- Ongoing current-planning reviews for shoreline permitting, building projects and other land use proposals
- Improvements to permit processes
- Coordination with Burien in the research and selection of a permitting software system
- Continued coordination and implementation of the economic development roadmap

- Research of policy options regarding short term rentals such as Airbnb and VRBO

There is a significant amount of work that goes into coordinating the processes and reviews for current and long-range planning. It is a fascinating and ever-changing world that is continuously affected by federal and state-level policies.

Please feel free to reach out to me at [hkeeton@normandyparkwa.gov](mailto:hkeeton@normandyparkwa.gov) for more information on any of the items mentioned in this article, or with other land use questions.

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# Normandy Park Preschool Partners with Highline Public Schools

BY JAVOHN PERRY, PRESCHOOL TEACHER/DIRECTOR

**W**e are very proud to announce that our preschool has partnered with Highline Public Schools' Early Learning Network! Normandy Park preschool teachers and director now have access to Highline Public Schools' Professional Learning Network, which means we have opportunities for trainings, mini-grants and other resources to support early childhood best practices and aligned instruction.

We have been attending trainings and workshops hosted by Highline Public Schools. At these events we are given information about Early Childhood Development as well as resources and materials to use in the classroom. We also get to share ideas and network with teachers and staff from other preschools in our community.

We are so happy to be a part of this network and gain opportunities to branch out in the Normandy Park community.

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## Welcome Teacher Cerise

BY JAVOHN PERRY, PRESCHOOL TEACHER/DIRECTOR

**W**e would like to welcome our new preschool teacher Cerise Paone to our team. Cerise first experienced the teaching profession in Beijing China, where she taught English to students of all ages. When asked her favorite age group to work with, she replied "Preschool-Toddler age".

Cerise taught here at Normandy Park Preschool during the 2012 - 2013 and 2013 - 2014 school years. She rejoined our team in November of 2019 and is now teaching our 2 1/2 - 3 1/2. Cerise is also co-teaching our 3 1/2 - 4 1/2 Class.

Some things Cerise likes to do in her spare time are read, listen to music, and participate in photography and geocaching. She also enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, kayaking, biking and gardening/horticulture.

Cerise is a great addition to our preschool team and we are very excited to have her. When asked what she wanted the staff, families and community to know, Cerise said "I'm so happy to be back and reunited with such an exemplary program within this special community! I look forward to hopefully seeing some old friends, but also building new bonds!"

## Congrats to JaVohn Perry



The City of Normandy Park would like to congratulate JaVohn Perry on her promotion to Preschool Director. She will continue to teach in the Pre-K and 3.4-4.5 classrooms but will use her hours outside the classroom for preschool administration duties. She has enjoyed her time as a teacher at Normandy Park since August 2016 and loves to observe each children as they progress in knowledge and social skills. She strives to build a connection with each child she teaches. Her favorite thing to do on the weekends is relax, go the park with her children, JaMar (12), Marvea (10), and Marvia (6), and visit her parents. She is a collector of Hot Wheels and superhero/cartoon character t-shirts.

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*—Craig D. Lounsbrough*



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# Fellow Riana Ekawati from Indonesia visits the City of Normandy Park

BY JENNIFER FERRER-SANTA INES

**T**he City of Normandy Park hosted a young environmental professional from Riau, Indonesia. This program, facilitated by an International City Manager's Association (ICMA) partnership, focused on climate adaptation and sustainability for young professionals from Southeast Asia.

Riana Ekawati was one of many professionals from southeast Asian countries who participated in this program funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) to help Southeast Asian young professionals obtain resources to help build a more resilient community.

It has been a long-standing practice to slash and burn forest land in the transition to agriculture in Indonesia. Unfortunately, this methodology generates smoke and haze that also impact other neighboring countries, like Malaysia and Singapore.

In addition to climate and environmental impacts, many people get sick from these burn practices, periodically causing schools, offices and airports to close. During a tour of the City, Riana commented,



"I like the way Normandy Park was developed without forgetting the green environment."

In four weeks with Riana, we met with Environmental Protection Agency, FEMA, Gig Harbor Fire and Medic One, and multiple levels of Emergency Operations Centers. From these meetings and discussions, Riana was able to learn about the importance of engaging with communities, ongoing education and outreach efforts, disaster preparedness and mitigation, and how to build sustainable and resilient communities.

All these learning opportunities were properly balanced with outdoor fun and activities. Among her favorites: a harbor cruise, MoPOP, Chihuly garden and glass, forest bathing, and planting trees at Marvista Park.

Riana is safely back home in Riau, Indonesia, on the island of Sumatra. She is very appreciative of her opportunity and thanks the City of Normandy Park for hosting and connecting her to valuable resources to address her community's concern of forest fire prevention and pollution control.



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## Welcome, Welcome, Welcome!!!

The City's Communications Committee is establishing a team to develop a Welcome Packet of information to present to residents new to Normandy Park. If you are interested in helping us develop this packet, please notify Council Member Sue-Ann Hohimer.

Sue-Ann's contact information is as follows:  
Email: Sue-Ann.Hohimer@normandyparkwa.gov  
Phone: 206-248-8292

*There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.*

*—Margaret J. Wheatley*



## POLICE FORUM

On January 23rd from 6:30-8:30 PM, Chief Dan Yourkoski will be hosting a community meeting regarding the Police Department in the City Council Chambers. Topics will include updates on the hiring of new officers, recent crime activity, questions from the audience, and several other areas that may come up. It will be a great opportunity to learn more about your Police Department as well as provide a venue for offering feedback as well as community discussion.

If there are specific areas or questions you would like addressed please either email them to me at [dyourkoski@normandyparkwa.gov](mailto:dyourkoski@normandyparkwa.gov) or if you would prefer to call to discuss dial (206) 248-8254. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

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- Priority 2
- Priority 3



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Due to limited resources, in a heavy snow event you can expect the Priority One (red) routes to be maintained, Priority Two (blue) and Priority Three (yellow) routes will be addressed as resources allow.



On Saturday January 25th  
from 9:00-11:00AM,  
Please join Chief Dan  
Yourkoski and other  
Department personnel at  
Empire Coffee at the  
Normandy Park Towne Center.

A great opportunity for  
community members to meet  
their police officers and ask  
any questions they might have.

We would love to  
see you there!

*New year—a new  
chapter, new verse, or  
just the same old story?  
Ultimately, we write it.  
The choice is ours.*

*—Alex Morritt*

### REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

Do you want to be involved in  
your local community and learn  
the workings of government?  
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# Paving the Way– To Pave the Road

**T**here are a lot of factors to take into consideration when planning improvement projects.

Below is a glimpse into coordination efforts that allow for more efficient operations. Related projects, such as sidewalk improvement, ADA upgrades, and drainage needs, are planned simultaneously. Below is a glimpse into coordination efforts that allow for more efficient operations.

## Identify streets in need of improvements

A pavement condition survey was completed in 2015 by Pavement Engineers. This project included evaluation of all the streets in Normandy Park to calculate a condition score. This ranking system was then used to develop a rehabilitation schedule and a multiyear budget plan for projected maintenance needs.

## Allocate funds for improvement projects

City staff develop, maintain, and update a six-year financial program known as the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is the mechanism that fosters eligibility for state, regional, and local funding programs.

## ADA Title II Requirements

Resurfacing is an alteration that triggers the requirements to add curb ramps if it involves work on a street or roadway spanning from one intersection to another, and includes overlays of additional material to the road surface, with or without milling. A less technical way of saying the same thing: if you touch a road, you are required to ensure the accessibility and usability for persons with disabilities. The city is in the process of developing an ADA Transition Plan. Using a mapping program called ArcCollector, the City is able to gather ADA data in the field.

## Maintenance requirements of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

To comply with federal Stormwater Permit requirements, the city has implemented a maintenance program to prevent or reduce stormwater impacts. Using a program called Cityworks, staff can document and regulate maintenance activities. When routine inspections identify an exceedance of the maintenance standards, maintenance is performed in accordance with concurring improvement projects.

## Pavement Moratorium Map and Coordination with other utilities

In an effort to preserve the City's assets and reduce disruption to the traveling public, five-year pavement moratoriums shall be implemented on streets that have been resurfaced or reconstructed. This map acts as a reference guide for utilities and homeowners planning capital improvement projects. This map can be found on the City's website. <https://normandypark.civicweb.net/filepro/document/45103/Paving%20Moratorium%20PDF.pdf>

### PAST



#### 4th Ave SW from 183rd St SW to 192nd St SW

The 4th Avenue SW curb ramp retrofit project successfully brought 14 ADA ramps into compliance. Seven catch basins that did not meet the maintenance standards of the Western Washington Stormwater Management Manual were replaced. Highline Water

District received a permit to complete work to replace a water main before the final overlay. Paving will ensue Spring of 2019.

### PRESENT



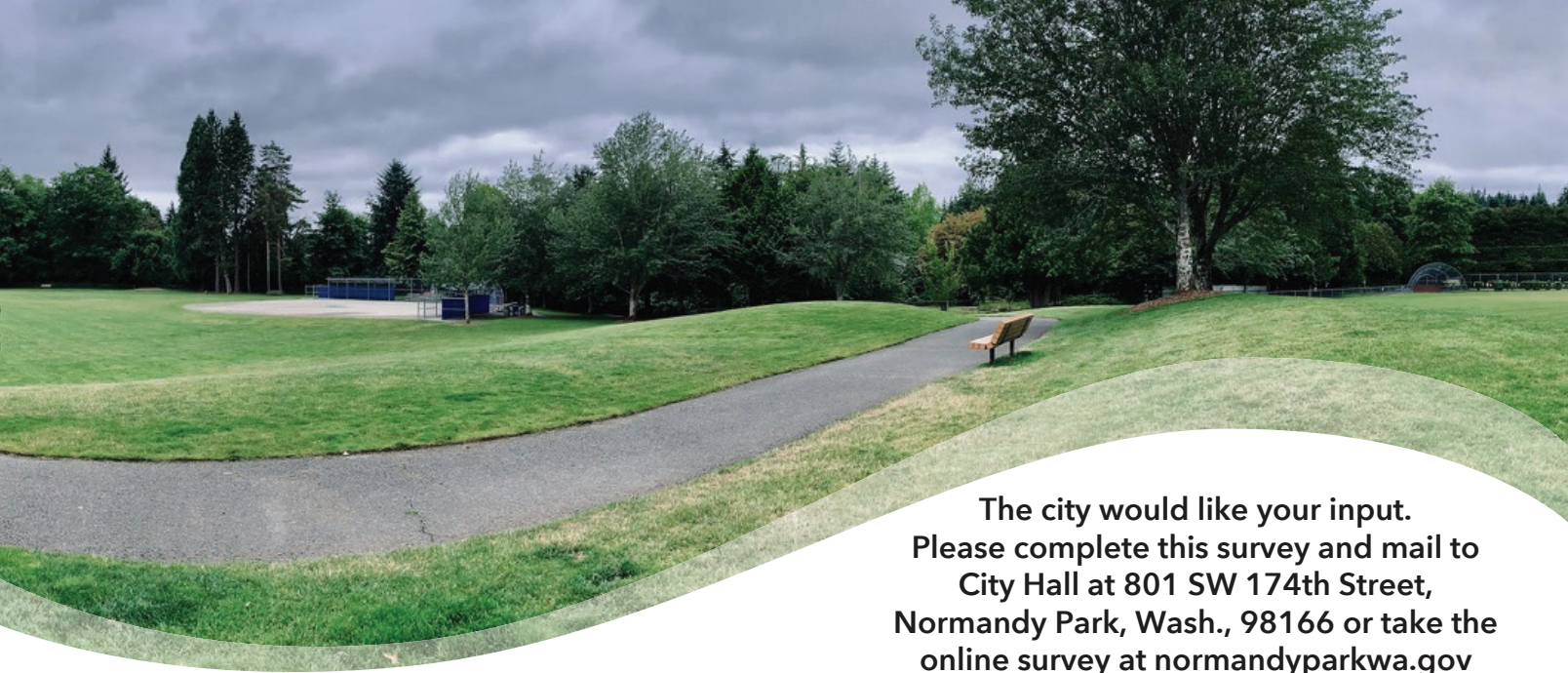
#### Sequoia Creek and Walker Creek Culvert Replacement Design.

King County Flood Control District awarded Normandy Park with a \$200,000 grant to design replacement culverts. This Flood Reduction Grant will fund a preliminary design to determine what type of culvert or structure should be used.

### FUTURE

Grant funds were awarded to pave 1st Ave S from S 174th Street to Burien.





The city would like your input.  
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# **Normandy Park currently does not have a leash law.**

- 1.** Should dogs be required to be leashed when they are off of private property? **YES NO**
- 2.** Should dogs be required to be leashed in parks? **YES NO**
- 3.** If the city requires dogs to be leashed at certain parks, which park(s) should be leashed? (Check as many as apply)

- ☐ **City Hall Park**
- ☐ **Marvista Park**
- ☐ **Nist Park**
- ☐ **Marine View Park**
- ☐ **Nature Trails Park**
- ☐ **Brittany Park**
- ☐ **Walker Creek Preserve**
- ☐ **Wilson Park**



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT W. SATTERLEE

*Wednesday is a Sophomore at Mount Rainier High School. She lives in Normandy Park with her family, Dad-Drew, Mom-Christy, Brother-Sam, and their cat, Mr. Kitty.*

## 1 How did you choose the city offices of Normandy Park to volunteer at?

I have always been interested in government and the idea of working to support a community. Seeing events like the 4th of July parade, where the entire community comes together to uplift one another, is truly a powerful thing. Seeing our beautiful parks, running into a friendly face at the local coffee shop, and having a wonderful place where my friends and I can grow up; these are the things that inspired me to volunteer. I knew volunteering at the city offices would help me learn valuable lessons I could use for the rest of my life, I also knew it would also be a chance for me to support Normandy Park and sustain the beautiful community we have created. So, I made the decision to reach out to our city office and volunteered to help in any way I could.

## 2 Besides homework, what things do you like to do on a weekend?

Although academics are very important to me, I spend all the free time I can get with my friends. We do everything from walking to the store to get cupcake mix and shopping at thrift stores, and riding our skateboards around Normandy Park on a clear sunny day. My friends inspire me to be the best version of myself I can be. We talk about movies, school, and our futures, (which can sometimes be a very scary thing). It is important to me that I take the time to be a kid, because I've realized at the age of 15, just like the advice from the movie, life moves pretty fast and if you don't stop to look around once in a while, you could miss it.

## 3 Where do you see yourself in five years?

Simple, I'll be a sophomore at Georgetown University interning for a successful

presidential campaign, that is if I make it that far. In all honesty, I don't really know. I always have to remind myself that life has a way of taking you where you need to be, which does not mean that I will wait for something to be given to me. Rather than just waiting for the universe to give me things, I will continue to work hard and push myself to do better. I believe that if I set my mind to something and put my full effort into it, I can be successful. So, in 5 years I hope I have found something I'm passionate about, and I hope I never give up on it.

## 4 Do you have a favorite project or task you have gotten to work on and what are you most excited in the future to help the city with?

I love everything I've been able to work on so far! My favorite thing has to be sitting in on meetings with the communication and planning boards. Listening to city officials work to make the community better is very valuable. It has taught me so much about local government and given me great real world experience that I'm sure I'll be able to use in the future. I am most excited about getting more youth involved in the community. I know there are so many bright young minds in Normandy Park, waiting for an opportunity to make a change. I hope I can help to encourage more youth involvement in our city.

## 5 Is volunteering with the city what you expected?

In some ways it is, but there are times I am surprised by the charismatic people working to help our city. I expected a very serious workplace, one where I would complete the task given to me and go home. However, instead I found that in the midst of faxing papers and writing minutes, I am able to connect

with the people around me. I'm always learning more about them and what they do as city employees. I didn't expect to enjoy my time volunteering as much as I do. I love every task I complete, and it is all because of the positive environment the city staff has created.

## 6 Any other things we should know about you?

Cinema is a big passion of mine, and I am working on a short film at the moment with my brother and a few friends. It is still in the writing process but I am already very proud of what we have accomplished. You should know, I love Normandy Park and I will work hard to support it in every way I can. I hope to make our city the best it can be.



## 7 If you were a character from the show Parks and Recreation, who would you be?

I think I would be Ben Wyatt. While everyone else in the show manages to land themselves in the most ridiculous situations imaginable, Ben seems to be the only one who realizes the absurdness of those particular situations. He is a motivated perfectionist who just wants what's best for his friends. As much as I like to have fun and admire the ridiculous things in my life, I am a realist through and through. So, I have come to the conclusion that Ben and I are similar. I just hope I'm not elected as mayor at the age of 18 and accidentally build an ice rink that runs my town into the ground. I'll leave that one to him.

**BECOME A VOLUNTEER**

See how on page 20!



# Normandy Park's Classical Music and Arts Festival

This October, a wonderful collection of musicians, visual artists and community organizations came together to enjoy Normandy Park's first annual Classical Music and Art Festival. For three consecutive Friday evenings the community was entertained by a variety of classical music performances. They could view and purchase pieces of art created by local artists, and had a chance to connect with Friends of Normandy Park, The Arts Commission and The Normandy Park Community Club (The Cove) volunteers.

How often do we have an opportunity to enjoy a free concert while sipping on coffee or a glass of wine, enjoy a view, and purchase local art all within minutes of our homes? This series resonated with our community, drawing more than 300 people to the event. Seeing everyone visiting with friends, neighbors, and enjoying the music highlighted how wonderful it can be to support and enjoy our local arts and culture organizations.

The Classical Music and Art Series was put together based on community feedback surveys that were collected in 2018 from *City Scene* and online. The Normandy Park Arts Commission is honored to see this series welcomed so wholeheartedly by our community members and other local organizations. In fact, we are already looking forward to continuing this new series in 2020!

2019 Music: The Seattle Marimba Quartet, The Opal String Quartet with guest bassist Spencer Hoveskeland, The Orchestra of Flight



2019 Visual Artists: Louise Hones, Keli Sim DeRitis, Paul Illian, Amber Raven, Archmonoth, Shannon Folino, Tamara Hardy, Diane Brissenden, Anita Olson, Dona Lewinger, Roxanne Dorsett

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Special thanks to all of the volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure the evenings were a success!

The Normandy Park Community Club and Friends of Normandy Park were incredible co-hosts—thank you!

## Setting your 2020 intentions... with Parks and Recreation!

BY AMANDA LEÓN

The beginning of the new year is about setting intentions; focusing on what will bring you joy, gathering your thoughts, and discovering what gives you a purpose. From this thinking many of us move towards the intention of becoming more active, learning something new, and perhaps revisiting something we forgot. Normandy Park's parks and recreation programs are expanding with the intention of engaging you to come and join our activities.

Inside the Recreation Center from January through April we have classes for Tai Chi, Tae Kwon Do, Dance, Meditation, and Gardening. Sports groups play pickleball, basketball, and soccer. The community room hosts a

weekly bridge game. The Arts Commission will continue their successful Saturday film nights in the gym.

Star-gazers gather monthly on the sports fields to learn astronomy. We host birdwatching walks at Marine View Park. This year we have also added a 'Seabirds of The Cove Walk' with The Normandy Park Community Club. At Nature Trails Park we host a meditative walk called 'Forest Bathing.'

If any of these programs bring you joy, please give us a call at City Hall and we will help you plan for a wonderful new year!



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# Building Government Facilities in Normandy Park

BY MARK E. HOPPEN, CITY MANAGER

I am convinced that Miller Hull can design cost-effective, graceful civic buildings, that evoke the history and spirit of Normandy Park, a recreation center, city offices, and police station. I am also convinced that the city will have a limit to how much it can prudently pay for the new facilities with bonds that are paid exclusively with current revenues.

So, how to pay? Here are the parameters: 1) Use no General Fund dollars (do not interfere with current city services, including police services); 2) be able to pay during depressed economic times; 3) continue to build capital facilities projects for storm water and streets (as projected in the Transportation Improvement Plan); 4) maintain fund balances per city policy; and 5) do not increase property or any other taxes. Okay,

we can do that! See Funding Source Options – Community Center.

Bonds must be paid from funds that are not planned to be used for General Fund expenses, including police, road maintenance, and other budgeted public services. Such available funds include Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) funds and Metropolitan Park District (MPD) Funds. REET funds can only be used for capital expenditures. MPD funds can only be used for recreational expenditures.

## Concern about the integrity of REET funding in bad times.

Bond payment limits are indicated in the spreadsheet, Funding Sources Constrained, at \$4.9m in facilities payment by 2028 with \$300,000 of yearly REET revenue through 2026. Again, these REET funds cannot be used

for anything but capital facilities. Note that the “Pavement Management” line remains the same as the current economy; it includes funding for streets (\$200K each year). Also, note the “Grant Reimbursement” line on the spreadsheet. If grant matches don’t come in, then projects don’t get built (a normal problem), which conserves the net of the two lines in any year. As a more conservative alternative, street projects can simply not be built. Through 2028, this can conserve, if necessary, approximately an additional \$3m over the nine-year period to make up for bad economic times and a loss of REET funding due to slow moving real estate.

In other words, if REET funding slows to levels seen during the Great Recession, then there will still be about \$200K per year on the average

## Funding Source Options – Community Center

### Government Facilities Funding Capacity

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
<b>REET</b>										
Beg Fund Balance	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,118,718	\$ 1,232,415	\$ 1,128,859	\$ 1,373,688	\$ 1,246,564	\$ 1,463,400	\$ 1,405,496	\$ 1,318,434	\$ 1,200,431
Annual Revenue	\$ 481,366	\$ 490,993	\$ 500,813	\$ 510,829	\$ 521,046	\$ 531,467	\$ 542,096	\$ 552,938	\$ 563,997	\$ 575,277
Pavement Management	\$ (200,000)	\$ (200,000)	\$ (200,000)	\$ (200,000)	\$ (200,000)	\$ (200,000)	\$ (200,000)	\$ (200,000)	\$ (200,000)	\$ (200,000)
Capital Project Funding	\$ (824,816)	\$ (1,039,650)	\$ (546,910)	\$ (968,000)	\$ (768,991)	\$ (1,822,618)	\$ (800,000)	\$ (840,000)	\$ (882,000)	\$ (926,100)
Debt Service	\$ (37,832)	\$ (37,646)	\$ (37,459)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 900,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 902,000	\$ 320,821	\$ 1,707,988	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
Estimated Ending Fund Balance	\$ 1,118,718	\$ 1,232,415	\$ 1,128,859	\$ 1,373,688	\$ 1,246,564	\$ 1,463,400	\$ 1,405,496	\$ 1,318,434	\$ 1,200,431	\$ 1,049,607
Potential Amount for Facilities*	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -
<b>MPD</b>										
Beg Fund Balance	\$ 874,665	\$ 487,494	\$ 411,098	\$ 485,829	\$ 636,393	\$ 668,522	\$ 680,874	\$ 672,032	\$ 640,501	\$ 584,702
Annual Revenue	\$ 663,768	\$ 671,665	\$ 685,098	\$ 698,800	\$ 712,776	\$ 727,032	\$ 741,572	\$ 756,404	\$ 771,532	\$ 786,963
Operations	\$ (650,989)	\$ (587,969)	\$ (617,367)	\$ (648,236)	\$ (680,648)	\$ (714,680)	\$ (750,414)	\$ (787,935)	\$ (827,331)	\$ (868,698)
Capital Project Funding	\$ (399,950)	\$ (160,092)	\$ 7,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Estimated Ending Fund Balance	\$ 487,494	\$ 411,098	\$ 485,829	\$ 636,393	\$ 668,522	\$ 680,874	\$ 672,032	\$ 640,501	\$ 584,702	\$ 502,967
Potential Amount for Facilities	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
<b>Potential Funding for Government Facilities</b>	<b>\$ 550,000</b>	<b>\$ 550,000</b>	<b>\$ 550,000</b>	<b>\$ 550,000</b>	<b>\$ 550,000</b>	<b>\$ 550,000</b>	<b>\$ 550,000</b>	<b>\$ 550,000</b>	<b>\$ 250,000</b>	<b>\$ 250,000</b>
*REET 1 plus 25% of REET 2 up to 100K										
<b>Cumulative Funding for Government Facilities</b>	<b>\$ 550,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,100,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,650,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,200,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,750,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,300,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,850,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,400,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,650,000</b>	<b>\$ 4,900,000</b>



## Funding Sources Constrained

### Government Facilities Funding Capacity

#### REET

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Beg Fund Balance	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 1,662,168	\$ 1,628,522	\$ 1,599,143	\$ 1,611,385	\$ 1,627,871	\$ 1,648,687	\$ 1,673,920	\$ 1,703,657	\$ 1,737,989
Annual Revenue	\$ 200,000	\$ 204,000	\$ 208,080	\$ 212,242	\$ 216,486	\$ 220,816	\$ 225,232	\$ 229,737	\$ 234,332	\$ 239,019
Pavement Management	\$ (200,000)	\$ (200,000)	\$ (200,000)	\$ (200,000)	\$ (200,000)	\$ (200,000)	\$ (200,000)	\$ (200,000)	\$ (200,000)	\$ (200,000)
Capital Project Funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Service	\$ (37,832)	\$ (37,646)	\$ (37,459)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Estimated Ending Fund Balance	\$ 1,662,168	\$ 1,628,522	\$ 1,599,143	\$ 1,611,385	\$ 1,627,871	\$ 1,648,687	\$ 1,673,920	\$ 1,703,657	\$ 1,737,989	\$ 1,777,007

#### Potential Amount for Facilities\*

\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ -
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#### Potential Funding for Government Facilities

\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
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\*REET 1 plus 25% of REET 2 up to 100K

Cumulative Funding for Government Facilities	\$ 550,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,650,000	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 2,750,000	\$ 3,300,000	\$ 3,850,000	\$ 4,400,000	\$ 4,650,000	\$ 4,900,000
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#### Assumptions

Also includes Pavement Management  
**No capital for MPD beyond 2022-just operations**  
 Provides for Ending Fund Bal/Reserves  
 2022 last year for levy lid lift

in REET funding. Again, this means that if the economy tanks for the subsequent nine years after 2019, then the worst case is that the city can meet its REET government facility revenue estimate of \$300,000 – quite easily actually – as you can see from the attached spreadsheet. Of course, unlike this “constrained” spreadsheet, and more like the “Funding Source Options” spreadsheet, our intent is to keep building public projects, which is possible through grants and REET, while maintaining fund balances per city policy.

### Will taxes increase? No. Will the city remain financially intact? Yes.

The bonds that will be sold and paid from MPD and REET revenues are city councilmanic bonds and do not increase taxes at all. (Councilmanic bonds are not at all like school bonds that can potentially increase taxes.) To remain burdened only by the existing ability to pay, however, the city must not commit debt to build anything more than \$4.9 million over a 10-year period; that is, unless any desired additional cost is cash-funded through donation or grant.

To sum up – either in a good economy or in a terrible economy – the revenue capacity projected can be utilized with no damage at all

to General Fund current services or to the city’s financial structure. \$4.9 million over 10 years is a safe commitment.

## WINTER FUN AND FESTIVE FARE AT THE COVE

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- January 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> (same class), 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Keli DeRitis will be back again to share some ideas for winter entertaining with a 5-courses tasting menu of appetizers paired with cocktails. Class includes instruction, appetizers, cocktails, and a recipe booklet. \$65 per student, call the Cove office today to reserve your spot – 206-242-3778.

### NORMANDY PARK WINE CLUB

- January 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. – all about Burgundy
- February 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. – wine is good for the heart
- March 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. – Stay tuned...

Call the Cove office for details and cost – 206-242-3778.

### DANCE LESSONS

- February 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>
- March 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

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# COMMUNITY GARDEN APPLICATION

Marvista Park Community Gardening spots are available for the 2020 season.

To request a spot please cut out the form and bring it to City Hall.

- Normandy Park residents have priority in receiving a plot. Non-residents may apply and will be assigned a plot if available. Residency will be confirmed by a valid driver's license and a utility bill.
- Plots are 10' x 10'
- One entry per household.
- Gardeners must have an adult sign the User Agreement Form.
- A Drawing for plots will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 4pm in City Hall for all gardeners. Gardeners need not to be present for drawing, and can assign a proxy to select their plot.
- \$39 Annual User Fee is due no later than five business days after registration.



Complete program information is available at the Parks Department at City Hall  
801 SW 174th Street, or by calling Amanda León at 206-248-8257 or [aleon@normandyparkwa.gov](mailto:aleon@normandyparkwa.gov)

## Garden Lottery Form 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Drawing will be held in City Hall on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 4pm. Need not be present for drawing. Rental payment is due five business days following the drawing.**





# Normandy Park's Financial Transparency Portal

BY JENNIFER FERRER-SANTA INES, FINANCE DIRECTOR

**N**ormandy Park is committed to its strategic goal to **Provide excellent customer/citizen service through efficient, open, accessible and transparent city government.**

The City plans to launch a financial transparency portal in the new year that will allow residents to see visual breakdowns of the City's finances and capital projects in addition to Normandy Park's demographics and population.

- Are you curious about where the city's resources come from and how they are used?
- How much is the City spending on public safety?
- What improvements are taking place and what projects are coming up in the next few years?

These are questions you may have and you will soon be able to obtain the answer at your convenience.



In addition to visiting City Hall or calling staff, community members will be able to access information and sign up to obtain updates on projects on demand.

City of Normandy Park will also use this platform for budgeting and forecasting solutions. In early 2020, the City will begin its budget preparation for the next biennium, 2021–2022. The City is looking forward to using this new technology to enhance its budgeting procedures and to better engage with the Normandy Park community with improved access to the City's financial data.

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# A look at the New Year from the Economic Development Committee

BY MICHELLE SIPES-MARVIN, COUNCILMEMBER AND MEMBER OF THE EDC

**W**ow! Hard to believe it is already 2020! I am so excited to begin the tasks we've set forth for the Economic Development Committee this year. We begin the year by continuing to communicate the work we have completed with the BERK Consulting group over the past year, on our Economic Development Element for our Comprehensive Plan. We are also continuing to communicate our goals for the Future Land Use Map on First Avenue as it relates to the Economic Development Element.

The EDC's primary goal is to relieve some of the tax burden on our citizens by attracting more businesses. Within the Economic Development Element, we have five distinct goals, and each of them has multiple policies. We will be working hard to deep dive into these policies. The policies we are going to look closely at are the ones that have been designated by BERK as having the potential to be completed in the first or second year. Many of the policies are

focused on encouraging private investment along 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and require special attention to update our outdated building and zoning codes while maintaining the look and feel of our special community.

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*Although no one  
can go back and make  
a brand-new start,  
anyone can start from  
now and make a brand  
new ending.*

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—Carl Bard

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In order to hear the wants and needs of our citizens, we encourage you to attend Economic Development Committee meetings held in the Council Chambers on the first Wednesday of every month at 6pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate on agenda topics. Along with input on the current topics, we are continually looking for citizen ideas to increase city revenue and decrease tax burden.

Welcome to the New Year! The committee looks forward to seeing you in the New Year.





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